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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	:	Max Cynader and Shiv Prasad
Application No.	:	09/301,507
Filed	:	April 28, 1999
For	:	GENE SEQUENCES ASSOCIATED WITH NEURAL PLASTICITY AND METHODS RELATED THERETO

Examiner	:	James Martinell, Ph.D.
Art Unit	:	1633
Docket No.	:	230018.401C1

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Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 21, 2000, please extend the period of time for response 4 months, to expire on February 21, 2001. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.
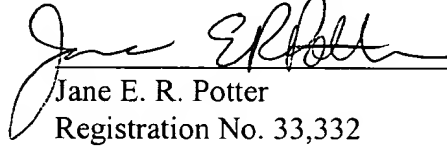
In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 21, 2000, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group IV, claims 8-22 and elect SEQ ID NO:74 as species for examination at this time. Because applicants are entitled to elect up to ten species (*Examination of Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequences*, 1192 OG 68, 11/19/96), applicants further elect the following nine nucleotide sequences as reference sequences: SEQ ID NOS:11, 76, 89, 100, 101, 103, 104, 111, and 119. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested. Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement and election of species requirement and submit that there is no undue burden on the Examiner to examine all the claimed subject matter.

Should the Examiner have any additional questions, he is respectfully encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (206) 622-4900.

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